

TRIAL OF MAX ANNENBERG, TRIBUNE BOSS GUNMAN, CONTINUED UNTIL MONDAY

The trial of Max Annenberg, the Chicago Daily Tribune's boss gunman, for assault with intent to kill Alexander Belford, today was continued until next Monday by Judge Thomas Windes at the request of the Tribune.

The Tribune made its request through W. S. Forrest, the high-priced attorney it has hired to save Annenberg from the penitentiary and the Tribune itself from the stigma of the shooting of Belford.

Forrest set forth Annenberg had been indicted only July 30 last and that the Tribune was not notified of his indictment until two days later.

Therefore, said Forrest, the Tribune had not had time to prepare its case for the defense of Annenberg.

It is strange to hear from Forrest that Annenberg was indicted July 30, and the Tribune did not know it until two days later. Especially since the Tribune, with its usual enterprise, gave the first news of the indictment of Annenberg to the world on the morning of July 19 last.

The fact that Mr. Forrest says the Tribune has not yet had time to prepare a defense of Annenberg is not so strange. It merely goes to prove how hard it is to prepare a defense of some persons and some crimes. Even high-priced lawyers find this out.

Judge Windes continued the case to Monday to allow Forrest time to prepare affidavits showing cause why the case should be continued to the next term of court.

The Tribune's chief desire in the Annenberg case now is delay.

Annenberg shot Alexander Belford, an electrician, on the morning of July 13 last at the corner of Maxwell and Halsted streets.

Annenberg shot from the front seat of his own automobile, which was loaded with Tribune photographers, reporters and sluggers, most of whom are now on vacation.

The Tribune night-raiders had just returned from a raid on the premises at 813 Maxwell street to get a picture of the interior of Larman's pool hall there.

The Tribune now claims that it wanted this picture to prove that gambling was going on in the pool hall. There is no proof that this is so, nor that the Tribune picture would have shown any such thing. The Tribune never has published the picture.

Belford, a young electrician, was standing with Louis Sallin, his chum and roommate, on the corner of Maxwell and Halsted streets, five doors from Larman's, when the Tribune night-raiders left Larman's.

The Tribune automobile went west on Maxwell to Newberry avenue, turned there, and came east.

As the automobile drew near Halsted street Belford stepped toward the curb. Annenberg raised the revolver with which he had been threatening various persons, and fired. Belford collapsed on the sidewalk. The Tribune automobile put on full speed and, disregarding the order of Policemen Weisbaum and Roth to halt, disappeared into the night.

The bullet was found to have entered Belford's body just below the heart, ranged downward through the left lung and lodged in the kidney.

Only an excellent constitution saved the young electrician from death. As it is the kidney wound may give him more trouble; may cripple him for a good part of his life.

Immediately after the shooting, Edward S. Beck, managing editor of the Tribune, tried to square the case with the police. Failing in this, Annenberg was given up after being at large for thirty-six hours, and the Tribune promptly made his case its own.

Apparently the Tribune feels that